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TOPIC Military Information from RathenowEVALUATION 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED 25X1 DATE PREPARED 18 July 1950REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS **RETURN TO CIA
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- 25X1 1. On 21 June 1950 the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by 200 to 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The troops held basic infantry drill and exercises with telephone equipment. Most of the troops from the installation were allegedly at Camp Altengrabow.
2. The troops from the Pionier Kaserne were allegedly in Altengrabow. On 21 June 1950 the installation was occupied by about 200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. They held basic infantry drill and signal training in the adjoining area of Semliner Heide.
3. Although the troops from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne were in Altengrabow, the installation was still occupied to capacity by about 1,200 troops on 21 June 1950. A laborer said these troops were soldiers due for demobilization, who continuously arrived from Altengrabow and Iremnitz.
- 25X1 4. Aircraft and air force personnel were no longer seen in the camp on Wolzen Lake on 21 June 1950. About 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were observed there undergoing infantry training.
5. The storage installations at the Rathenow-North railroad station had been occupied by 250 troops since 12 June 1950, according to a German employed there. It was said that the troops would move into the Kraftfahrer Kaserne as soon as the soldiers presently there were shipped out to be demobilized.

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6. Troops wearing war decorations and believed to belong to the 1922 through 1924 classes, left the main Rathenow station aboard: a 35-car train on 12 June 1950; a 46-car train on 13 June 1950; a 57-car train on 14 June 1950; and a train of about 60 cars on 18 June 1950. Personal furniture was seen in some boxcars.*

7. On 20 June 1950 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were transported by six artillery prime movers from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne allegedly to Altengrabow. The troops had arrived in Rathenow recently and had been quartered in a tent camp on Semlin Heide. Each prime mover was occupied by 15 to 18 men. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment: The information on the occupation of the barracks confirms the transfer of the artillery components of the IV Arty Corps in Rathenow to the Altengrabow troop training grounds which was previously reported [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Also confirmed is the previously reported concentration in Rathenow of troops to be demobilized, and their departure to the U.S.S.R. These troops also came from the units staying in Altengrabow. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The information further indicates that recruits arrived in Rathenow in June 1950, which was also observed in numerous other military posts.

** [REDACTED] Comment: Some of the recruits appear to have already been shipped out to the units in Altengrabow.

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